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SUBJ: INVITATION TO KUWAITI MINISTER OF FINANCE TO VISIT WASHINGTON

REF: KUWAIT 1023; STATE 51374

1. MINFINANCE ATEEQI, JUST RETURNED FROM CAIRO, PHONED MAR 29 AND ASKED ME TELL YOU HE HAS RELUCTANTLY COME TO CONCLUSION HE WILL BE UNABLE ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN MAY. ATEEQI EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT MIDEAST SITUATION (FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RETURN TO US WITHOUT SINAI AGREEMENT) NOT FAVORABLE FOR SUCH VISIT WHICH THEREFORE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION IN KUWAIT AND ELSEWHERE IN ARAB WORLD.

2. I TOLD ATEEQI I PERSONALLY FELT VISIT BY HIM TO US SHOULD BE CAST IN CONTEXT OF US-KUWAITI BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS AND, MORE GENERALLY, MULTI-LATERAL PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS. IN THESE TERMS, I SAID, HIS EXPOSURE IN US COULD BE VERY VALUABLE INDEED BOTH IN US AND MID-EAST. ATEEQI SAID HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT NEXT FEW WEEKS NOT PROPER TIME FRAME FOR TRIP TO US. MAYBE LATER, HE SAID. ATEEQI MOST GRATEFUL YOUR INVITATION AND SENDS YOU HIS BEST WISHES AND REGARDS.
STOLTZFUS

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